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This application is the United States national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/00518. The International Search Report dated May 11, 2000, identified the references listed on Form PTO-1499. Copies of the International Search

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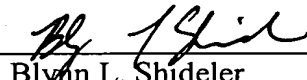
Report and the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are not being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement as they were received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as indicated in the Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 dated August 20, 2001. The degree of relevance for each reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is set forth in the International Search Report.

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